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Dr. Curt Brown Western Water Policy Commission P.O. Box 25007 Denver, CO 80225

RE: Public Participation Program

Curt Dear Dr. Brown:

In response to your request for information on our Public Outreach Program and Agency Coordination Program - which is a large focus of our Program - I submit the following summary data:

- ► BDAC (Public Advisory Council) meets monthly
- CALFED Policy Group meets quarterly
- CALFED Management Team meets monthly
- Agency Senior Staff meets monthly
- Fifteen separate Policy Advisory workgroups and technical teams meet monthly

In addition to these scheduled outreach meetings, the Program has averaged eight to ten public workshops per year during our two year tenure, as well as six to eight public outreach (scoping) meetings in various geographic regions. We maintain several mailing lists differentiated by the stated interest of the individual or group (policy, technical, general information, or all documents and notices), the smallest of which is approximately 500 of the most involved stakeholders and the largest list being over 3,000.

As you can guess, this effort requires a large resource allocation and while it is difficult to precisely identify the cost, our estimates range from \$75,000 to over \$125,000 per month to maintain just the process part of this effort without consideration of the effort to develop the technical input.

**CALFED Agencies** 

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service Dr. Curt Brown June 30, 1997 Page Two

I have enclosed some fact sheets which may help explain the outreach program more fully. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call me, or Judy Kelly, who is the Deputy Director responsible for the outreach program, at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,

Steve Yaeger, Deputy Director

Technical Services

CALFED Bay-Delta Program

**Enclosures** 

cc: Judy Kelly

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